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## College's history parallels Orange County's rapid growth

## Ironic twist leads to drug bust of Don QB

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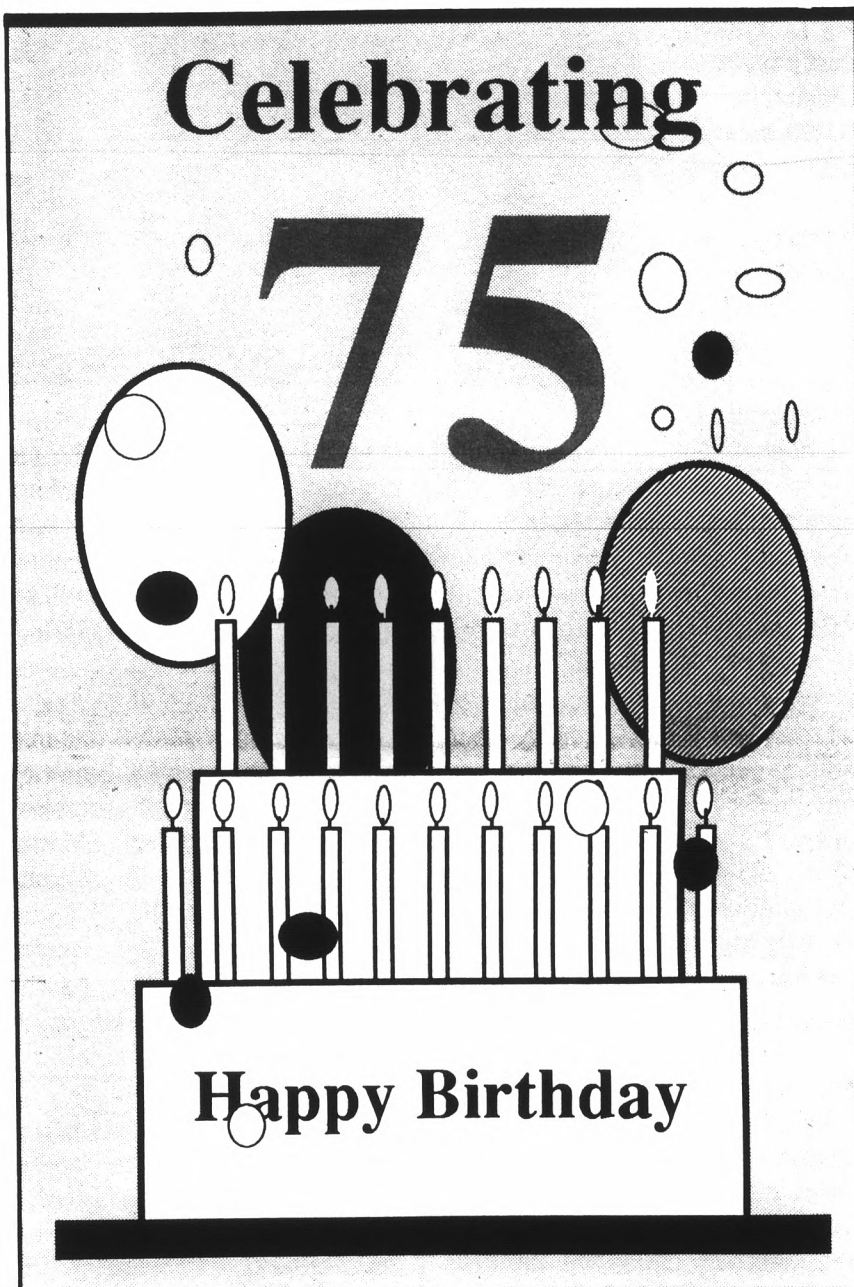
By Daniella B. Walsh  
el Don Staff Writer

Rancho Santiago College is throwing an all-year birthday party, and everyone is invited. After all, not many Southern California community colleges are 75-years-old and still thriving beyond the founders' most optimistic expectations. So let's toast this venerable institution and perhaps look back to where it all began.

Santa Ana Junior College was founded in 1915, as an upward extension of Santa Ana High School. Dana King Hammond, the high school's principal was named director of the new college.

The "Great War" WWI was in full force, and enrollment was low. Twenty-two students were enrolled with four high school faculty members teaching classes. On June 17, 1917 the first commencement exercises were held. All six students receiving diplomas were women. Four years later, the first male student received his degree.

Although enrollment increased



significantly, the college was housed in one building on the Santa Ana High School campus sharing other facilities with the high school.

By 1925 there were over 219 students enrolled and the graduating class had increased to 30. This was the year when the junior college district was formed in anticipation of further growth. It was then still governed by the high school's Board of Trustees. This was also the year when student publications were founded, among them el Don's predecessor, the Junior College News. In 1928, students following the Spanish legacy of the region, changed the name of the paper to el Don. A literary magazine was also established by Thomas H. Glen that year, which still flourishes today in the form of "West 17th."

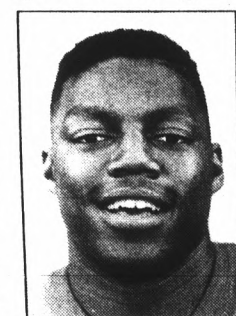
In 1930 an earthquake forced the college to hold classes at several locations which included churches, bungalows, tents and the old high school site on 10th and North Main in Santa Ana. In spite of such hardships enrollment grew to 600 students, and the graduating class numbered 120.

With the advent of World War II in the '40s enrollment drastically decreased. The football team

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By Gregory Creel  
el Don Editor in chief

Reserve RSC Quarterback Steve Calhoun was arrested and charged for possession with intent to sell marijuana after Saturday night's game at Orange Coast College in



Steve Calhoun

Costa Mesa.

Calhoun was stopped by Costa Mesa police at 12:40 a.m. leaving the Le Bard Stadium parking lot in his

car which ironically fit a description of a vehicle involved in a robbery in Costa Mesa. Police searched Calhoun's car and found several plastic bags that were later determined to be marijuana.

Upon questioning by officers Calhoun first denied the marijuana was his, then later admitted he got it in Santa Ana to sell to friends to supplement his family's income.

RSC head coach Dave Ogas removed Calhoun from the team

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### MEChA Club protests Pringle

SANTA ANA, CALIF. - About 20 demonstrators, led by a number of members from RSC's chapter of MEChA, gathered outside RSC's Russell Hall last night in order to voice their outrage over Garden Grove Assemblyman Curt Pringle's (R) allegedly racially biased political practices.

Pringle was on the college campus to debate his main rival in the 72nd District Assembly race, Democrat Tom Umberg.

The debate which was sponsored by the League of Women Voters went off without any serious incidents despite the protestors, according to Henry Kertman, RSC public information officer.

Pringle's political practices were questioned in 1988 after several of his supporters hired security guards to patrol polling locations throughout the district. According to spokesmen for Pringle, the guards were hired to ensure that only American citizens cast ballots.

## Oldest alumna shares memories of a rich life



1919 Graduate Martha Ehlen

By Daniella B. Walsh  
el Don Staff Writer

Martha Ehlen, age 91, the oldest graduate of Rancho Santiago College, Class of 1919, was the guest of honor at the Flag Raising ceremony which kicked-off the festivities celebrating RSC's 75th birthday.

"What a lovely day it was," she reminisces, "everyone was so cordial and so nice. Patti Cole, director of the RSC foundation, showed me all the nice new buildings, of course I don't see so well..." her voice trailing off.

Another memory to add to an already more than interesting life, dominated by a passion for intellectual pursuit and travel.

Miss Ehlen (she suggests the address, explaining: "I never married, although I had plenty of chances.") is firmly rooted in the city of Orange. Born 1899 in the plains of South Dakota, the daughter of a Lutheran Minister, she grew up in Orange. Her father was one of the first Ministers at St. John Lutheran church and her uncle was founder of, what was then referred to as the "Ehlen Block", a large area of real estate in the vi-

cinity of Orange Circle.

"Uncle Dietrich did not have the gift of gab, like the rest of us, so he stayed away from the ministry," she quips.

Services at St. John were then still conducted in German since the majority of the congregation was of primarily German and Swedish descent. Ehlen grew up bi-lingual since her father came from Hanover, a city in "West" Germany. German was spoken in the home, but as soon as the screen door slammed shut, the children reverted to English, and she is still

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boosted morale by distinguishing itself, winning the 1940 and 1942 national championships under coach Bill Cook; 83 former and current SAJC students died, serving their country during the second war. Still 631 students were attending classes by the time the college celebrated its 30th anniversary, women outnumbering men by a ratio of 4 to 1.

1945 was a banner year for the institution. A bond issue was passed paving the way for the development of a new site for the campus on 48 acres of land at 17th and Bristol Streets, RSC's current site. The interest and persistent work of a Lutheran Pastor, George J. Busdiecker, brought the bond issue to passage. Busdiecker utilized with resounding success a new medium-Radio. Rousing the voters with impassioned speeches about the necessity for this larger site for a growing college; the bond issue passed with 5,947 of the 7,949 ballots cast. A victory margin of 3-to-1. Two years later, classes were held on the new site.

By the '50s the number of enrolled students swelled to 3,057 students and SAC had to face its first parking problem. A number of buildings were also completed; the gymnasium, named in honor of football coach Cook, Hammond Hall, for the first college director, and Phillips Hall, dedicated to Ernest Crozier Phillips, former Dean of Men and chairman of the Drama Department. Dean of Men, John Johnson becomes the first College President, so titled, beginning a 22-year tenure.

During (the elsewhere) turbulent '60s Santa Ana College became a cultural hub for Orange County. Student enrollment was at an all-time high of 6,062. Russel Hall, so named for the first president of the college, is completed.

The '70s brought still more growth. Santa Ana College officially separated from Santa Ana Unified School District to form the Rancho Santiago Community College District in 1971. The college expanded to serve

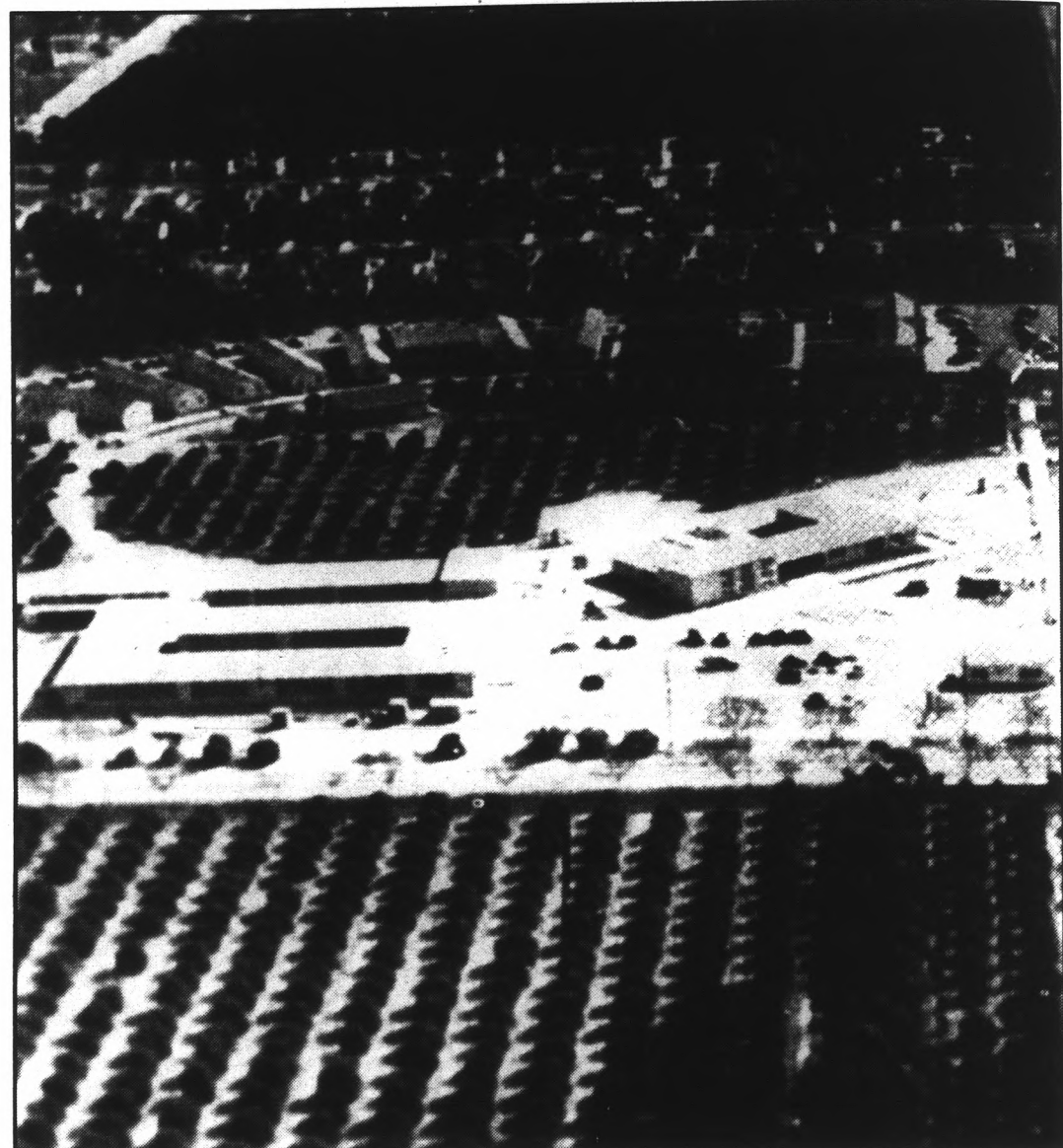
not only Santa Ana, but Orange, Villa Park, Garden Grove and Anaheim as well. In anticipation of a population explosion in east Orange and Villa Park, the district purchased 30 acres of land from the Irvine Company in 1978. A new campus began to grow at the intersections of Santiago Canyon Road and Chapman Avenue. On the "old campus" Dunlap Hall, the Neally Library and the Tessman Planetarium were completed. John "Sky" Dunlap was a public relations official and early adviser to el Don. Neally was one of the first SAC professors, an instructor of philosophy. The planetarium was named for Jeannie Tessman, an astronomy instructor, who has the distinction of being one of the few women in the field at that time.

John Johnson retired from his duties as president and was replaced by J. William Weinrich, who was the first chief executive officer to assume the title of Chancellor. At that time enrollment was at 25,000 students and the district passed the \$1 billion mark in assessed valuation, and tuition was free.

In 1985, after a long and heated debate, Santa Ana College was renamed Rancho Santiago College. The change was made to reflect the college's service to all of Central Orange County. Robert D. Jensen took over as Chancellor after Weinrich's departure in 1984, and the first classes were held on the Orange Campus.

Jensen is leading an aggressive campaign to further expand the college in the '90s. More classrooms are under construction at the Orange Campus, and a 5000 square foot Child Development Center is planned. A proposal to buy 30 additional acres of land is under consideration. Enrollment has boomed to 37,000 for credit and continuing education students, and the college is facing another parking crisis.

Recent statistics indicate that RSC students transfer to University of California and California State systems with higher than average grade points measured against



other community colleges in Southern California. The college is growing not only in size but in academic quality.

Meanwhile several events are planned to celebrate the college's 75th birthday. The festivities were recently kicked off with the flag raising, which introduced 91-year-old Martha Ehlen, the oldest living graduate of RSC, class of 1919. Ehlen raised a ceremonial flag, designed for the occasion which was attended by several community representatives from business and government, as well as student and faculty leaders.

The most anticipated event for 1990 is the Home Coming. Besides the traditional football game and other events, a reception in

the cafeteria and a barbecue are planned before the game Oct. 27.

A dinner dance for faculty and staff is planned for March 1990 and the festivities will be concluded by the presentation of the 75th graduating class on May 22, 1991.

Plans are also underway to begin a Santa Ana College/Rancho Santiago College Alumni Association. Former students, now in the public eye include such diverse notables as actors Diane Keaton and Steve Martin, TV sportscaster Ed Arnold, Orange County Supervisor Gaddi Vasquez, ST. Louis Cardinals baseball pitcher Greg Mathews and former USC All-American football player Paul Cleary.

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fluent in German; through her myriad of travels she has added Spanish to her linguistic repertoire.

Now, ensconced in her comfortable Orange home, in the company of her rambunctious dachshund Putzi, she switches languages frequently, easily shifting from English to German to Spanish ("Yo hablo Espaniol como una Mexicana," she is fond of saying frequently.)

The gift for the Spanish language was added or perfected on a protracted journey through South America, beginning in Argentina as the guest of the first U.S. ambassador of that country and culminating in a voyage by freighter down the Pacific Coast of South America, with many stops for meeting people and enjoyment of sights. Brightening visibly she exults: "I still love the ocean, the stormier, the better."

Ehlen's intellectual curiosity began in high school. After graduation from Orange Union High School as a Valedictorian, she continued her education at Santa Ana Junior College, a member of the Class of 1919. To this day, she credits the instructors of SAJC for her pursuit of higher learning. Throughout the interview she said

frequently:

"The instructors were absolutely wonderful. They brought out only the best."

After graduation from SAJC Ehlen was admitted to Stanford University, no small feat, in light of the fact that only 500 women were admitted per year.

However, since no scholarships were available, and in Ehlen's words "Minister's orphans were not blessed with money," she enrolled at Berkeley, finishing her undergraduate degree in three semesters, Summa Cum Laude.

She spent a brief period of time working in the laboratory of a sugar factory, but admits to not having been exactly taken with science. After acquiring a bachelor of Arts Degree, she continued her education to a Master's Degree and going further toward a doctorate, but stopping short of a Ph.D. for lack of a thesis.

She returned to Southern California accepting a teaching position at Fullerton Junior College. She taught Latin for two years. Her most prominent pupil was Richard Nixon. She was also what was then called, the Dean of Girls, one of the youngest women to hold that position. Her travels also took her to Heidelberg, Germany, where she studied for two semesters and to Vienna, Austria, where she studied Music for the "Schubert Year." Music is her avocation. Since her

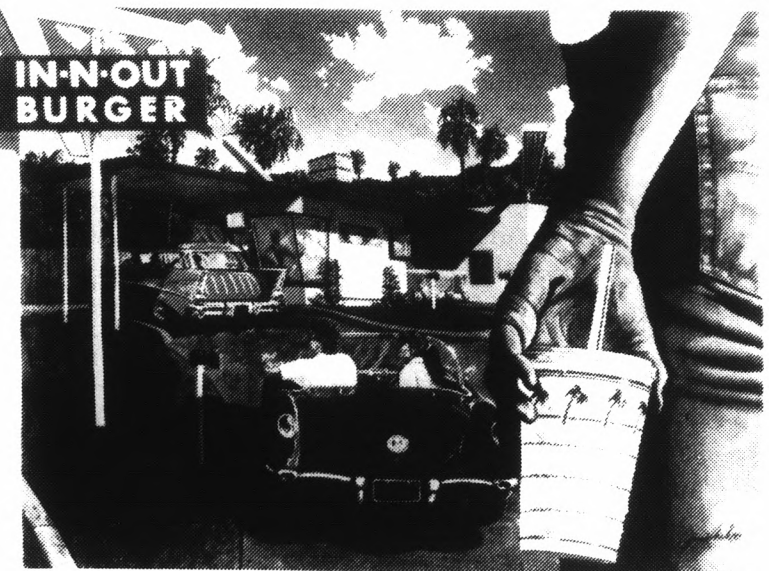
eyesight has always been poor, due to a childhood bout with Scarlet Fever, she developed her "ear" for music, singing "second alto" in choirs. Her poor eyesight and her bout with her childhood disease lead to a meeting with Helen Keller who lost her entire vision from the same disease.

"Helen Keller bestowed a special blessing on me," Ehlen remarks. "If God takes something from us, somewhere a door will open and we must go in." A credo by which Ehlen has lived almost her entire life.

Upon finishing her studies in Europe, Ehlen wanted to return home "around the world." She crossed India by train when it was still a British colony and still enjoys telling about the consternation she caused as a lady travelling alone.

Among her numerous journeys, she also visited Alaska, when hardly anyone, let alone a single woman, ventured there. Ehlen concluded by observing that one must live in one's time. "This is the year of our Lord, 1990...When I was young, women were still put behind men, somewhat. This is no longer true, thank God, even though we still don't have Football teams and all that...I always tried to give women a little push (forward)...Still, nothing comes up against faith in our Lord. If one lives by that faith, nothing can go wrong."

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# The Hemlock Society: confronting the right to die with dignity

Our apologies to the writer, we inadvertently placed the wrong Hemlock story in the Oct. 12 edition. Here is the correct story.

*Death is not the greatest loss in life. The greatest loss is what dies inside us while we live. The unbearable tragedy is to live without dignity or sensitivity.*

-Norman Cousins

EL TORO - The Hemlock Society, a right to die group, would have a tougher row to hoe without the help of one very active member, 80-year-old Caroline Youngquist, whose passion for an unencumbered death is as powerful as her love for life.

Her home nestled in the woods of Leisure World exudes a pristine charm and the peacefulness of an art museum. She is a sculptor whose work has no boundaries.

Youngquist's artistic interests lie in ancient techniques ranging from Oriental busts to Navajo Indian pots. All of them blending together quietly, yet each defined in itself. All have been created in the past 20 years.

Among her pieces of sculpture hang paintings photographs and woven wall hangings which depict her love of life and those most important to her.

Hand made rugs are scattered on chairs and framed on walls each boasting their own importance but none interfere with the beauty of the others. The essence of her art has carried over to her interest in the Hemlock Society, deeming the essentials of life to be; to each his own.

Hemlock is an anonymous and non-profit group aimed at helping terminally ill people who wish to end their lives peacefully and safely.

They have stringent rules and do not promote suicide as a way out of emotional difficulties. It is intended only to provide an option to those who are otherwise facing a painful death or those who wish not to be kept alive by extraordinary means.

## Good Life Good Death

BY DEBI CARR

Although Youngquist does not consider herself to be operating a chapter of the Hemlock Society, she spends anywhere from about 2-6 hours per day helping people to gain membership and giving them the most current information. She does not hold meetings and she has no support staff. "I listen and talk to people as a friend. It's a private matter," she said.

Youngquist has about 350 people within Leisure World that are members of the Hemlock Society and she has received some 500 inquiries from as far away as Utah, since Diane Klein's column ran on Jan. 10 of this year.

Derek Humphry and Ann Wicket, husband and wife and co-founders of the Hemlock Society have worked diligently since its founding in 1980 to pass bills which would allow physician aid-in-dying.

The founding of the society was a result of numerous phone calls to Humphry for information regarding his book *Jean's Way* in which he told how he assisted his terminally ill wife with "deliverance" when she could no longer stand the pain caused from bone cancer.

Humphry does not advocate mercy-killing which is described as a person taking another's life without the request of that victim. However, he feels that people should have the option to die with dignity.

According to Humphry, many people seek only the security of a way out in case the pain becomes unbearable; and a comfortable death should be their own prerogative.

Right to Die groups began an aggressive stance in the 70s with the writing and passing of bills to protect terminal patients nearly as fast as medical science found ways to prolong life; whether beneficial to the patient or not.

These became known as the Living Will and the Durable Power of Attorney which are legal documents aimed at protecting the holder of said document from prolonged life by extraordinary means such as life support. More than 38 states now allow refusal by patients to continue treatment for an otherwise incurable condition. The Hemlock Society is adamant on the belief that anyone over the age of 18 should have a durable power of attorney.

The National Hemlock Society has now taken this issue one step further noting that although illegal, many doctors are covertly aiding their dying patients. Recent surveys have shown this to be true of doctors who anonymously participated in these polls.

A sister group of Hemlock, called Americans Against Human Suffering, based in Glendale, Calif., has been pushing to pass a bill called "The Humane and Dignified Death Act," which will allow physicians to aid dying patients by written request. Other strict rules apply to insure that the law will not be abused by sheer economics or greed.

The Hemlock Society failed to get this initiative on the California ballot in 1988 citing the difficulty in obtaining 450,000 signatures and have since retreated to smaller states.

Humphry wrote in *USA Today*, that "statistical evidence points to three out of five members of the public - and among doctors - desiring law reform."

Early last year the New England Journal of Medicine published findings that it is ethically correct for "doctors to help terminally ill patients commit suicide by prescribing sleeping pills or other drugs and telling them what dose will end their lives."

The report added that if doctors diligently attend their dying patients, requests for suicide should be rare. It also "urged doctors to give whatever dose of pain medication required by the patient to end their suffering, even if it hastened death."

The Hemlock Society is currently supporting Dr. Jack Kevorkian's defense as he awaits court decision on his "death machine."

Also, the Hemlock Society is accepting contributions for the defense of Bertram Harper who is being charged with open murder and conspiracy to commit murder, in Michigan, in connection with the August 19 death of his cancer stricken wife.

Harper took his wife to Michigan to die, thinking that laws were less stringent after following the Kevorkian case closely. Humphry attended the hearing.

Hemlock is very careful not to aid, abet or advise people to commit suicide, and they caution their members also. They do not solicit members. Membership is gained by request of the interested party only, and only members may purchase the books and preferred methods of voluntary euthanasia.

Youngquist said, "Because if your going to [kill yourself], what we do not want to do is have people fail. I am not a counselor, we have no counselors, but people have to make up their own minds. If they are terminally ill, in pain and all quality of life is gone...then they should have a reasonable way of taking their life."

*The National Hemlock Society provided information for this article.*

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## Student enrollment soars to record high

By Jim Jung and Stephanie Beard  
el Don Staff Writers

SANTA ANA, - Rancho Santiago College has seen a major increase in enrollment in both college credit and continuing education classes for the 1990 fall semester.

Enrollment for college credit classes has reached 23,681, a nine percent increase over last year's figures, while continuing education has jumped 3.5 percent, to 15,587, bringing the total for fall 1990 to 39,268.

"I am very pleased by the consistent growth in enrollment evident in our first census of the semester," said Robert Jensen, RSC's Chancellor.

The growth in part is the result of an extensive marketing plan implemented by the school which involved outreach efforts to high schools and mailings to new residents in the district.

Because of increased enrollment, some RSC instructors have been forced to close classes earlier than usual.

According to one counselor there have been more students entering RSC straight out of high school.

Jensen expressed excitement about the school's 21 percent increase in new high school students and 17 percent increase for both full time and returning students. He felt these figures indicated that ongoing student recruitment and retention efforts are proving successful.

Over the last five years, the RSC continuing education division has seen its enrollment increase by over 50 percent.

By offering a variety of non-credit college courses to the community, the continuing education department has grown to become one of the largest programs of its type in the state.

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but has offered Calhoun an open invitation of any assistance in "reorganizing" his priorities. "I told him how much worse it might have gotten," said Ogas.

"The good Lord may have just been saying 'Hey Steve, stop it before it's too late, hopefully he'll learn how bad it (drug involvement) is,'" said Ogas.

"We decided before the Coast game that he would be sharing time with Fanti. He's not a bad kid but, he really screwed things up for himself," said Ogas.

In another ironic twist Calhoun's arrest took place at OCC his former school where he spent the 1988 season platooning at Quarterback for the Pirates.

Calhoun will be arraigned Nov. 21, at the Harbor Municipal Court.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Homecoming rings back old tradition

It's Homecoming time again! But this year it will be celebrated with a new twist. An old tradition will be reinstated with the return of the Victory Bell.

The tradition of the Victory Bell dates back to the historic rivalry with Fullerton College, whereby the winner of the annual football game would become guardian of the bell until the next year. The bell was forgotten but the suggestion of Admissions and Records Clerk, Alice Kuykendall, has brought about the return of this historical bell.

Homecoming day is Sat., Oct. 27. It will begin with a barbecue in Johnson Center at 4:30 p.m. and continue with a caravan to the game. There will be a pre-game magic show at 6:30 p.m. and the game will begin at 7 p.m.

The King and Queen will be presented in a half-time show along with the rest of the court.

### Stanford 'Welcomes' Gays Into Married Housing

STANFORD, Calif. (CPS) - In the most liberal nod toward gay students in the nation, Stanford opened

its married housing units, athletic facilities and libraries to all enrolled "couples in long-term domestic relationships," acting Dean of Student Affairs Norm Robinson announced Oct. 12.

Robinson said the policy would cover "unmarried heterosexuals, gays and lesbians" in order to "ensure that students do not have to choose between their domestic commitments and their studies at Stanford."

Ivy Young, whose Washington-based National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is surveying campus gay student policies nationwide, said Stanford's "is probably the broadest of any college's in the country."

### Cavazos: Feds Are Partly To Blame For Student Loan Crisis

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CPS) - The U.S. Dept. of Education, which in recent years blamed colleges for the spiraling rates of student loan defaults, may be partially at fault, Secretary of Education Lauro Cavazos admitted to a U.S. Senate subcommittee Oct. 11.

"Inadequate federal oversight for many years" helped create the student loan programs' problems, said Cavazos, whose department oversees most federal college programs.



## Style

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GIRL!

■ RSC's 9th Annual  
Tribute to a TV Classic  
has Lassie fans panting  
for their favorite dog.

BY F. COLIN KINGSTON



If ever the saying "A man's best friend is his dog" applied to any dog, it was Lassie. The beloved collie has been friend to man and animal alike for decades. It seems only fitting that Lassie then be the subject of the 9th Annual Tribute to a Television Classic.

The tribute, sponsored by the RSC's telecommunications department, will take place on Sunday, October 28 at 7 p.m. in Phillips Hall.

Cast members from both the original and new Lassie series will be there to answer

questions and sign autographs. Lassie and her trainer, Bob Weatherwax, will be on hand as well.

Lassie first came to public attention in Eric Knight's 1940 novel "Lassie Come Home." Adapted to the screen in 1943, it became a classic.

Other stars who appeared in Lassie's history include Roddy McDowell, Elizabeth Taylor and Edmund Gwenn.

Over the years Lassie has appeared in eight additional feature films, (last in 1978 with James Stewart) in comics and even on radio.

One of the most durable stars in Hollywood, Lassie is now in her third television series. The original show ran from 1954 to 1971 on CBS. It won the Emmy Award for best children's series in both 1954 and 1955. The second Lassie series was an animated version titled "Lassie and the Rescue Rangers." The current series is in syndication throughout the US and can be seen locally on Channel 13. The original series is also airing on Nickelodeon.

Telecommunications Chairperson Terry Bales says it is no accident that the tribute to Lassie is being held on a Sunday night. "We purposely put our salute at the same time that Lassie was on for 17 years on the CBS network," said Bales.

Cast members from the classic series scheduled to appear include Lassie's first two TV masters: Tom Rettig (Jeff Miller) and Jon Provost (Timmy Martin).

These two actors will be reunited on the screen for the first time in over 30 years when Rettig reprises his old character on the new series later this season. Rettig, now a computer programmer, wrote the script.

The entire cast from the new series, including Lassie's current TV owner Will Nipper, will also be present.

Among the new cast members are Dee Wallace-Stone, perhaps best known as Elliott's mom in "E.T."; Christopher Stone, her real-life husband and co-star of such films as "Cujo" and "The Howling"; and Wendy Cox, who plays the pert teenage daughter on

the new Lassie series.

Executive Producer Al Burton will also be in attendance. Some of Burton's credits include "All in the Family" and "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman." At press time there was a slight possibility that June Lockhart and Roddy McDowell would also appear.

The current Lassie is a 7th generation descendant of the original dog that appeared in the first feature film. Lassie was "discovered" at his kennel by Weatherwax's father, Rudd, when he was asked to train a dog who constantly barked and chased cars.

The dog's original name was Pal. Weatherwax inherited Lassie when his father passed away in 1986.

The tribute marks a bit of a coup for RSC. In a few short months these same cast members will be off to Washington, D.C. to attend the opening of a major Lassie exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution.

Tickets for the tribute are \$12 for adults; \$10 for senior citizens and children 12 and under. All proceeds generated from this event go towards scholarships and the purchase equipment for the telecommunications department. Door prizes include Angels, Rams and Kings tickets. One lucky grand prize winner will win a visit to the Lassie set.

"Who can't love this simple, yet heart-trending tale of a boy and his puppy, who stumble on to life's great adventures with the concerned parents lending moral support in the background?" said Bales.

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## What's Up: A guide to entertainment and events

### ART

#### Art for Our Sake

RSC's art department has decided to show off some of its home grown products in an exhibition titled "Mixing it Up," which is currently on display in the college's Art Gallery.

"Mixing it Up," is a compilation of works by artists and art historians who teach at RSC.

The exhibition will be running through November 19 and is free. Tours are also available.

For more information call RSC's fine and performing arts department at 667-3177.

#### The Ultimate Planned Arts Festival

The city of Irvine's Cultural Affairs Commission is celebrating the areas diversity in art, by presenting the Irvine Arts Festival over the next three months.

The festival, which is being held in Irvine's Heritage Park, located on the corner of Yale and Walnut Streets, will include seminars, presentations, performances and exhibitions.

For more information on the festival call 724-6684.

### VIEW

#### Supreme Court Not Tempted

The U.S. Supreme Court decided recently that it would uphold a lower court ruling allowing the controversial Martin Scorsese film "The Last Temptation of Christ," to be shown on college campuses.

The court also deemed that the film was not blasphemous and was protected by the constitutional amendment guaranteeing free speech.

A renewed uproar began recently when several religious groups picketed screenings of the movie on several East Coast community college campuses.

### Opinion

## New motion picture rating opens doors for freedom of expression

By Jim Silver  
el Don Staff Writer

It is about time.

The patronizing Motion Picture Association of America has finally given its long-overdue consent to allow distribution of films containing adult material, thereby giving adults free choice in the matter.

I'm sure the marketplace will respond accordingly. IF the film is a piece of garbage (as are many of the films in all of the rating categories), it won't be around long. However, it will finally give adults the opportunity to see artistic, provocative films as the director intended them to be seen.

The new rating is NC-17 and is one step beyond the R rating. It will, of course, require discre-

tionary enforcement by theatres. This has been a problem even with the R rating, so some adjustments may have to be made in that regard. Incidentally, I've many, many times seen infants subjected to films containing extreme violence because their self-centered parents were either; unable to afford a baby-sitter, could not find a relative to sit, too cheap, or too ignorant.

It has always been stupid to me (since even before puberty) that all types of violence (especially killing) were considered righteous viewing compared to female breasts, buns, or full nudity of either sex for that matter. This attitude has been most adamantly put forth by irrational conservative Christians (regardless of sect) who shove the Bible in your

face as proof of their point of view.

They are wrong for the following reasons: 1) The Bible explicitly states killing is wrong, evil, sinful...(you know). 2) The Bible also says that we were created in God's image. So in effect, they're saying...gee God, you know we're really ugly, dirty, obscene...you really did lousy, you know.

NO, it was us that did really lousy. Who the hell are they to tell God, Mother Nature, or the Universe anything?

That slow-motion shot of the guys brains splattering on two walls was great, wasn't it? But those despicable love scenes with the beautiful nude bodies really put me off. GET REAL. Its time for some maturity and respect for what is natural.

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# CALIFORNIA

## VOTE '90

### The initiatives

By Sara Hazlewood  
el Don Staff Writer

There are many important issues on the ballot this November and space does not permit describing them all. However, some of the more important and controversial initiatives are listed below. Since some of the initiatives are similar in material, they are grouped together.

#### 125

##### Motor Vehicle Fuels Tax/Rail Transit Funding

*Amends the Constitution to allow revenues raised from taxes on fuels to be used to acquire rail transit vehicles and equipment.*

**Pro** - Without levying new taxes, transportation agencies will be allowed access to gas-tax funds to buy needed cars and equipment. Our freeways and streets are crowded and we need to expand and improve alternate methods of transportation.

**Con** - Taxes would have to be raised to make up for the diverted money. Since all citizens, even people not using the transit systems, will be paying, it is not fair and is a form of socialized transit.

#### 126

##### Alcoholic Beverages Tax

*Increases taxes on alcoholic beverages with money going into the state's general fund. Passage of this initiative would kill Proposition 134. Prop. 126 is backed by the liquor industry.*

**Pro** - Proposition 126 has no hidden tax increases. It would increase the amount of money given to the public schools because there would be an increase in State general Fund revenues.

**Con** - This initiative is sponsored by the liquor industry and is a countermeasure to Proposition 134 ("the Nickel-a-Drink initiative.") 126 would place the new tax rate in the state constitution and would replace all alcohol taxes levied by cities, counties or districts, all done to avoid future taxation. It would also create a long battle in the courts if both Proposition 134 and 126 pass.

#### 134

##### Alcohol Surtax.

*Prop. 134 imposes a surtax on alcohol and establishes the Alcohol Surtax Fund where the money is deposited. The money would be spent on alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment programs, emergency medical care, law-enforcement costs arising from drug and alcohol abuse and community mental health programs. Prop. 134 is backed by trauma-care*

*workers, police and anti-drunken crusaders.*

**Pro** - The money will help fight alcohol related problems such as child abuse programs, victims of drunk drivers etc.

**Con** - The money is earmarked for specific programs and locks the state into spending millions of dollars on them even if the state's needs change. Possible tax increases in the future to pay for these programs to fund budget increases. The Governor and Legislature are prohibited from cutting these budgets, even in a crisis.

#### 127

##### Earthquake safety/Property tax exclusion.

*Prop. 127 amends the California constitution to allow earthquake safety improvements to be excluded from property tax reassessment.*

**Pro** - Improvements made to a property for seismic safety are not the same as improvements such as adding on a room or a swimming pool. As such, they should be exempt from added taxes.

**Con** - None.

#### 128

##### Environment/Public Health/Bonds ("Big Green")

*Some of Big Green's provisions include: regulating and phasing out some pesticides, phasing out chemicals that may deplete the Earth's ozone layer, require reduced emissions of gases contributing to global warming, limit oil drilling off the California coast and require oil spill prevention plants, creates the elected office of Environmental Advocate and authorizes \$30 million in bonds to purchase ancient Redwood forest lands. Prop. 128 is backed by environmentalists.*

**Pro** - California suffers from severe environmental problems from air pollution to contamination of ground water from pesticides. We need to do something while we still are able. This initiative is tough and enforceable.

**Con** - Big Green will cost too much and tries to do too much in too short a time. Why should California bear the costs of cleaning up the environment before the Federal government does?

#### 135

##### Pesticide Regulation

*Prop. 135 would increase testing for pesticide residues on food, eliminates some industry fees and modify penalties, regulations and training. If this Proposition and Proposition 128 pass, the one that receives the most votes will be implemented with regard to pesticide*

*regulation and enforcement for food, water and worker safety.*

*Backed by corporate farmers and the oil and chemical industry.*

**Pro** - Implements a safe pesticide use policy and establishes a process for removal of cancer causing pesticides from our food supply.

**Con** - The only purpose of this initiative is to stop "Big Green." Most of this Proposition repeats what is already California law.

#### 130

##### Forest Acquisition/Bond

*Prop. 130 authorizes bonds to finance its programs such as buying as many as 4,000 acres of ancient forest. Requires the timber industry to produce as many new trees as it cuts down. Prop. 130 would ban clear-cutting and cut logging back an estimated 50 percent. Sponsored by Forests Forever and the Sierra Club.*

**Pro** - At current levels of cutting, old-growth forests will not last more than two decades. There is no law today to stop the clear-cutting and Proposition 130 creates the law that will.

**Con** - Higher lumber prices and higher housing costs and a possible loss of jobs.

#### 138

##### Forestry Programs/Bond

*Prop. 138 provides \$300 million to plant trees in cities and pay owners of small stands of timber to reforest their property. 138 would mandate studies of global warming and other problems. Passage of this initiative would kill Proposition 130. Sponsored by the timber industry.*

**Pro** - Will help plant trees and protect some forests.

**Con** - Clear-cutting of timber will continue except for old-growth forests. This Proposition is a hoax created by the timber industry to stop the reforms of Proposition 130.

#### 131

##### Limits of Terms of Office/Ethics

*This measure limits statewide elected officials to two consecutive four-year terms, and limits members of the state Board of Equalization and state legislators to 12 consecutive years in office. It would also provide partial public funding for state elected campaigns, impose contribution and spending limits and enact various ethics reforms.*

**Pro** - This will open the Legislature to new people and put in reforms to stop corruption.

**Con** - Our tax dollars will be spent on politician's campaigns. There will be few experts in the



Legislator and they will be obsessed with building up their career instead of doing their job.

interest groups. The Legislature would soon be dominated by the governor, executive bureaucrats and lobbyists.

#### 140

##### Limits on Terms of Office/Legislators Retirement/ Legislative Operating Costs/ Initiative Constitutional Amendment

*Limits Assembly members to six years in office, state senators and statewide elected officials to eight, abolishes legislative pensions and cut funds for operating the Legislature.*

**Pro** - New people would be brought into the Legislature as it is difficult to oust them now. A turnover in people would improve the chances of bringing in conservative legislators willing to cut government spending.

**Con** - Many seasoned lawmakers would be forced out of office, people who can stand up to special

#### 139

##### Prison Inmate Labor/Tax credit

*Prop. 139 amends the state constitution to allow businesses, public entities and others to contract for inmate labor. The money they earn would go toward their room and board.*

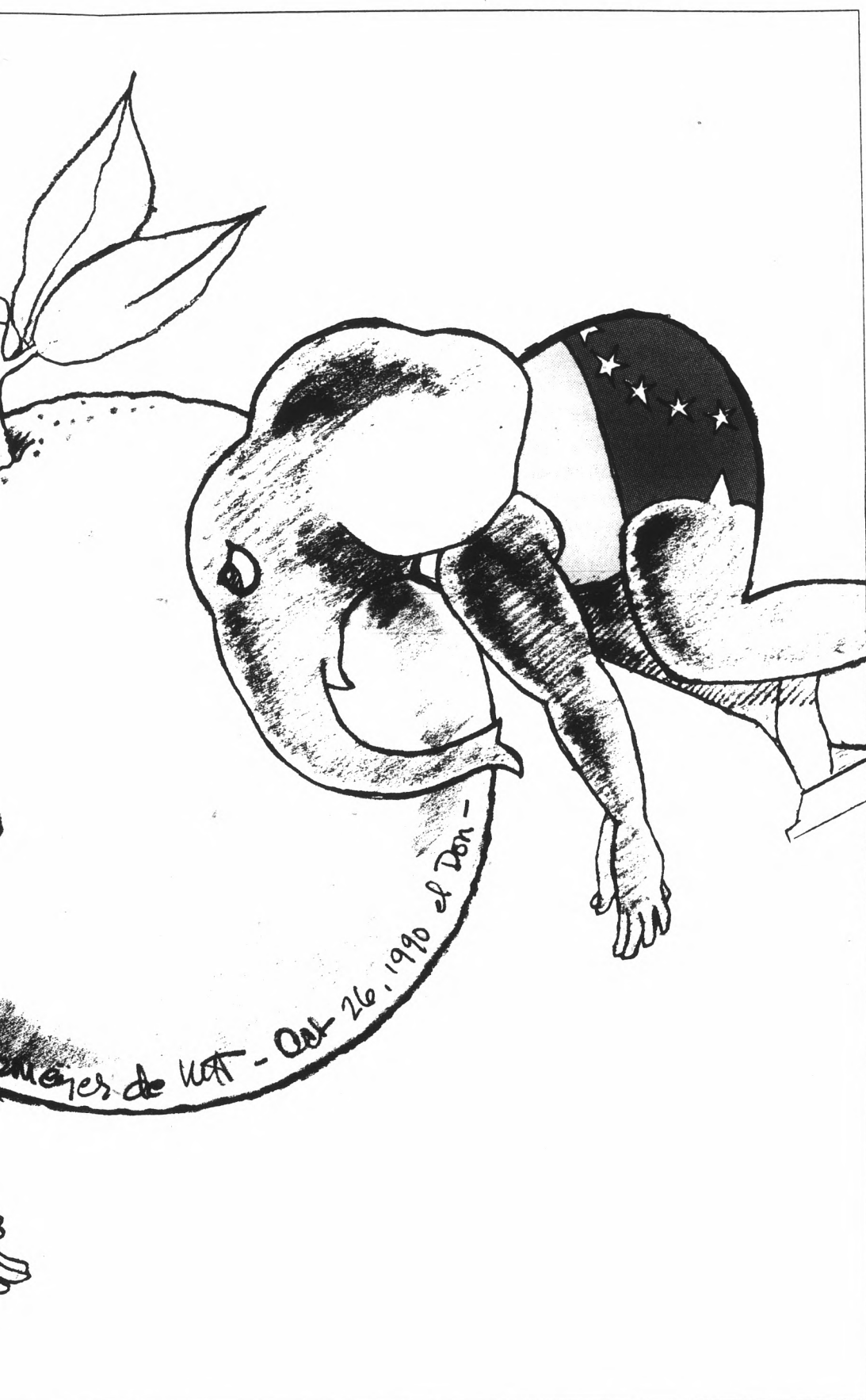
**Pro** - It's expensive keeping criminals in state prison and this could offset some of the expense. It would also teach them good work habits and job skills.

**Con** - There are hidden costs involved that will cost the taxpayers more instead of saving them. It would also take jobs away from people and is a quick fix solution to the real problem: teaching vocational skills to inmates.



# CALIFORNIA

OTE '90



## Pivotal Races

**PETE WILSON**  
REPUBLICAN PARTY

**STATEMENT:** I have served as an Assemblyman, Mayor and U.S. Senator; balanced 11 city budgets without raising taxes. Supports environmental protection, saving 1.8 million acres of land. Voted for and supports heavy anti-crime legislation.

Has won editorial and teacher praise for school safety, prenatal care, preschool education and freedom to choose schools.

Has authored America's toughest campaign reform law in San Diego, banning PAC'S special interest. Authored federal death penalty for drug kingpins.

**MARIA E. MUNOZ**  
CALIFORNIA PEACE AND FREEDOM

**STATEMENT:** I am proud to be a builder of Peace and Freedom Party which has chosen working class democracy and socialism over a decaying two party system. We are determined to see the Peace and Freedom Party become a major party in California to be used as an instrument in the struggle for social and economic justice for all of our people.

**GOVERNOR**

**DIANE FEINSTEIN**  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY

**STATEMENT:** Pledges to bring to California's governorship the experience and vision gained as mayor of a large city.

I balanced nine budgets in nine years and helped my city to an economic boom. Police were added and crime dropped 20 percent.

Affordable family housing was built, and so was a vast sewer system to clean up San Francisco Bay.

As governor, I'll fight to protect our environment, to stop the epidemic of crime and drugs and to bring rampant, runaway growth under control.

**JERRY McCREADY**  
AMERICAN INDEPENDENT

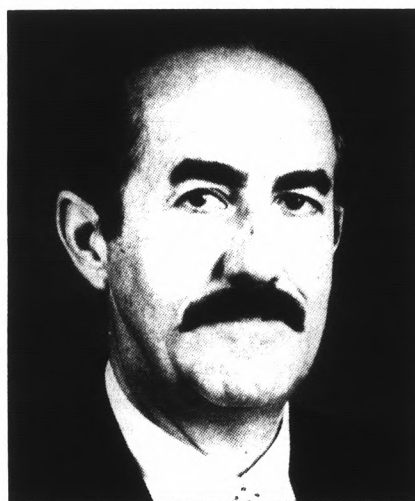
**STATEMENT:** Like you, I am not a professional politician, but a citizen concerned about crime, drug problems, pollution, water shortages and traffic congestion. I believe the state budget can be balanced without more taxes or cuts in needed support services and COLAs. I support the death penalty, rooting out corruption and ending use of abortion as a form of birth control.



**DENNIS THOMPSON**  
LIBERTARIAN

**STATEMENT:** All we have and all we need is our Constitution, the Common Law and good men and women like yourselves to stand for freedom, justice and responsibility. Government: just enough to secure our rights of life, liberty and property; a referee, not a participant.

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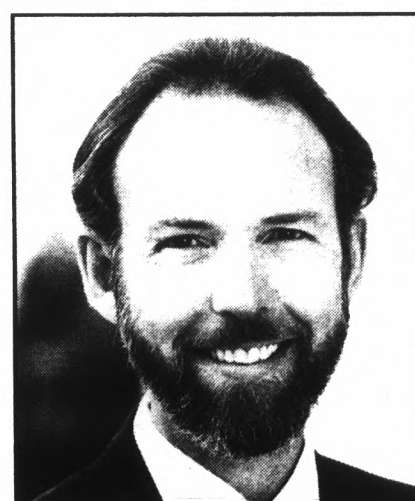


**VERNON S. EVANS**  
AGE: 61  
OCCUPATION: Rancho Santiago College Trustee/ Businessman

**STATEMENT:** I have served as a Trustee since 1980 and presently serve as President of the Board of Trustees. I am fully knowledgeable and experienced in the District Operations. We can be proud of District achievements. We rank among the best statewide. Our students consistently have one of the highest GPA performances among transfer students at UCI. Our athletic program consistently turns out State championships. Our Chancellor has been honored as the "Best of the Best" in the nation. Our facilities are second to none. All of the above and more has been accomplished with a balanced budget and a prudent reserve.

In my next term, I wish to emphasize the continued development of our beautiful Orange campus, encouraging the joint use of public facilities and continued upgrading of our Santa Ana campus.

As former Mayor and Chairman of the Planning Commission, I am well qualified to provide the vision and leadership necessary to provide the finest programs and facilities available to our citizens within the available resources. Your tax dollar are well invested at Rancho Santiago College. Vote for experience, maturity and performance. This is no time for "on the job training" for the inexperienced, untested candidate.



**CHARLES W. "PETE" MADDOX**  
AGE: 42  
OCCUPATION: Business Planner/ Educator

**STATEMENT:** I was born and raised in Santa Ana and graduated from Santa Ana College. I am a business planner for local, national and international companies and teach business strategy courses at Rancho Santiago and Cypress Colleges.

As a parent and educator, I am dedicated to education; as a business planner, I am skilled in budget planning. Accordingly, I am extremely concerned that student enrollment increased 13 percent since 1980, while the District's budget skyrocketed 127 percent, with ever increasing amounts of our tax dollars directed away from the classroom.

For example, the chancellor, who already earned more than the Governor

of California, recently received a \$30,000 per year pay increase, retroactive six months. Yet teachers have been forced to cut back on classroom materials.

Additionally, the College continues to operate a swap meet despite years of neighborhood protests and costly legal battles. Yet the majority of proceeds, \$475,000 in 1989, goes to private profiteers with strong ties to certain board members.

I have demonstrated responsible leadership in business and earned a reputation for honesty and integrity. As a Trustee, I will use my expertise to redirect fiscal priorities within the District and ensure that our tax dollars support actual classroom instruction.

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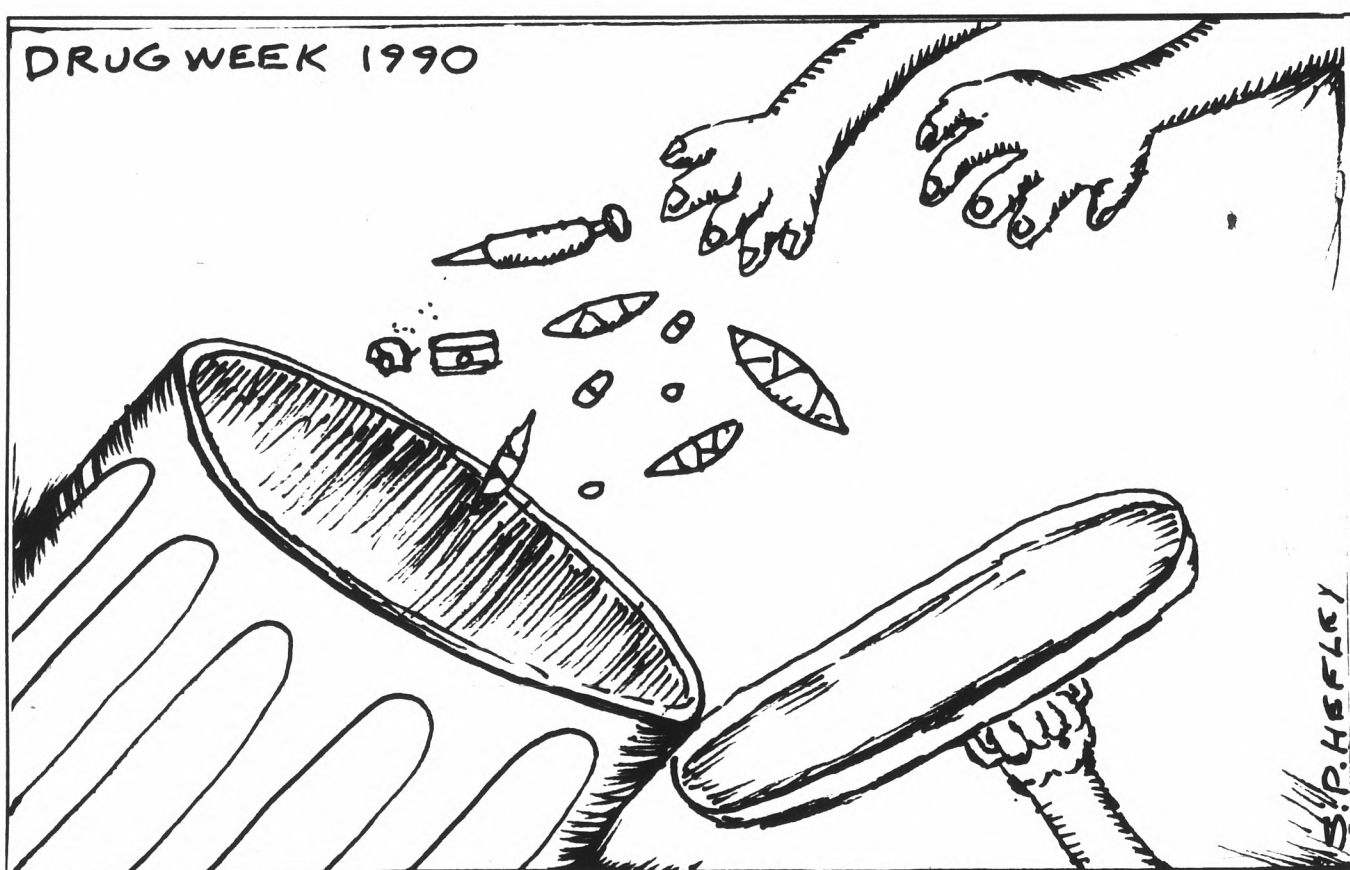
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## Editorial

### Education key to drug awareness

**T**his week, the United States attempted to make a bold statement about drug abuse in this country by designating it as "National Drug Awareness Week."

And, for all intents and purposes the project has been a success.

One of the reasons for the positive outcome of the week's activities is the fact that the government is finally attacking the problem at its source; lack of education.

By earmarking one week to concentrate on informing and enlightening the public as to the ills of drugs and their affects on the population, the US has probably taken the biggest step thus far in its self-proclaimed "War On Drugs."

It is good to see that RSC has fervently adopted this 'reformation through education,' attitude and sponsored several anti-drug related activities throughout the past week.

While the effects of "Drug Awareness Week," will be hard to measure, hopefully, this education

push will serve as a starting point for further drug awareness drives that could have a much greater impact.

The key to winning this civil war is through the dissemination of information; and the only way to do this is by funneling more money into schools and educational programs.

By doing this, the state and federal governments can ensure that the plague of drug dependency will be emphasized for more than just one week.

el Don

## Quotes to live by:

"Our government is the potent, omnipresent teacher. For good or for ill, it teaches the whole people by its example."

-Louis Brandeis, 1856-1941

### Supportive coach deserves credit

A Rancho Santiago College football player was arrested and charged for possession with intent to sell marijuana rekindling more scoffing on campus of the athletic program. Feeling the heat is coach Dave Ogas.

Many coaches under such pressure would have disassociated themselves with anyone even remotely involved with drugs. It is bad P.R. to fend for those against the grain of the drug war. But Ogas likes his players and almost takes a paternal attitude toward his players.

Ogas lives his words when describing his admiration towards his players, "They're great, neat kids," he brags. "I enjoy being with them."

He has taken the player under his wings aware of any bad raps he may get in fending for a man who admittedly intended to sell drugs. Ogas kicked him off the team and reiterated his unbending anti-drug stance to the rest of the team. Players coming to any football function smelling of liquor is off the team. No excuses.

Should a player slip, he pays the price but, the story does not end there. The doors remain open and his help is there for the asking. He will not abandon one of his players at the lowest point in his life. The player currently in hot water is the one person Ogas is most disappointed with but at the same time, most concerned about.

Good people have done bad things but still end up being positive figures in society and Ogas is aware of this and should be applauded for his commitment to his players.

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## Opinion

By William Thomblison  
el Don Staff Writer

### Keating's low bail bonds him to California

Charles Keating, owner of bankrupt American Continental Corp., which in turn owned Lincoln Savings & Loan, was recently released from jail after a US District Court judge lowered his bail from \$5 million to \$300,000.

Keating wanted to be released on his own recognizance--that is, on his mere promise that he would show up for his trial. I understand that the judge might have let him do that if Keating's attorney hadn't argued that his client's word was as good as his bonds.

Keating said he couldn't pay the \$5 million bail because he's broke. When he was arrested, however, he was not

living in the streets. Indeed, now that he's out on bail, this man, who says he doesn't have a nickel to his name, will make weekly commutes from his home in Phoenix to L.A.

I suppose, however, that there are different ways to be broke. Somebody once told me that he understood what it is like for young people who must struggle financially to get through school. He was still in college when he got married, he explained, and to go on his honeymoon he had to borrow \$200 from his tailor.

While he was in jail, trying to raise the \$5 million, Keating wasn't even allowed to mingle with the other prisoners, which was really unfair. How could they expect him to raise the money if they wouldn't let him sell securities to his fellow inmates.

Federal regulators seized what was left of Lincoln Savings & Loan after American Continental filed for bankruptcy. Keating has been suing to get Lincoln back. I guess it still had some assets he hadn't seized.

I heard that somebody is establishing

a Keating defense fund. The fund, I understand, is willing to accept any donation, however small. It will accept dimes, nickels, or even old buttons--anything of value. That, presumably, excludes old American Continental bonds.

One problem faced by the Keating defense fund is people who did not buy Keating's bonds are either too smart to give him any money now or don't have any money, anyway, and those who have bought his bonds don't have any money any more.

Another problem for Keating defense fund organizers: where do they deposit the funds until they are needed. They won't have to solve that problem, however, until somebody actually makes a donation.

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## Letters...

### A Word of Thanks

Dear el Don,

My wife and I want to commend el Don for the excellent article concerning the Romanian orphans, by Gregory Creel. For the first time in a very, long time, I was left all choked up after reading a story. Mr. Creel should be commended highly. His story possessed something sorely lacking in journalism today: genuine concern for the common good combined with a powerful writing ability.

Lloyd Atwood's story on subliminal messages was timely and well written. Mr. Creel and Mr. Atwood are two more examples of el Don's tradition with good writers.

Keep up the good work Gregory and Loyd.

Sincerely,  
Lee Cisnewski

### Collegiate Opportunity

Dear Editor,

I would like to take some time to commend Rancho Santiago College for giving its students the chance to participate in a variety of events featuring speakers who have been recognized in their fields.

Throughout this year, RSC's art department hands invited diverse artists like painter Shirley Glass, sculptors like Donna Salem and different architects to speak. Art students get

the opportunity to see and converse with known artists about issues and current trends in art. Also, the art department has provided a photographic exhibition "Peacemaking in Action," and its current international poster exhibition, "Courageous Voices," dealing with racism, sexism and human rights.

The telecommunications department had veteran character actor Ron Michaelson teach an eight week course on, on camera appearance.

This past April, California Secretary of State March Fong Eu gave a campus visit to encourage voter registration and increase awareness of the political arena. Also in April, Dr. Susan Forward, an internationally recognized author, was the keynote speaker for the Seventh

Annual RSC Women of Achievement Awards Program, which honors women from Orange County for their community work.

Earlier this year, RSC's Club Christian Collegiate staged a benefit concert for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. Another program hosted by the anthropology/sociology department presented the pros and cons of malathion spraying. The panel of speakers included Dr. Phil Edelman, Orange County toxicologist.

These are just a few of the activities staged by different RSC departments. Not only do the students benefit by becoming more aware of current events, but the college also better its reputation as a liberal and active school.

-Celia Shakibai



**A note from the Editor in chief of the el Don:**

The next few pages of the opinion section contain material previously released in past issues of el Don concerning censorship and freedom of speech. The spring 1990 el Don editorial staff decided to address a certain cartoon and adjoining commentary that were found in the opinion section of the Saddleback College student newspaper the Lariat.

The cartoon and story, both by Lariat art editor Michael S. Boren, concerned Israel's acquisition of nuclear weapons. Boren, however strayed from his point, and in the process, wrote some things that offended many people, especially those in the Jewish community.

The article strayed from its political point and undertook religious overtones. One line stated that God may have erred in selecting the Jews as the chosen people. The cartoon depicted a Hanukkah menorah missile launcher with each missile merrily

singing "We wish you a Happy Holocaust."

Shortly after the issue hit the stands in December 1989 the Lariat was in hot water. Apologies and retractions were demanded by several groups and members of the Saddleback College campus including school President Constance M. Carroll.

According to a Lariat staff member wishing to remain anonymous, three people poured through three years of Lariat back issues looking for any articles with anti-semitic overtones. They found none.

El Don devoted the Feb. 2, 1990 issue to this subject with a news story, a staff editorial and a pro/con opinion packaged with a cartoon. The editorial staff of el Don decided to cover this story from as many angles as possible.

However, something strange happened.

One day after el Don was distributed all copies of that issue of that issue had vanished. There was a small, radical group that felt the articles were not fit

for a college campus and its readership. All copies were gone, including the reserve copies in the el Don newsroom which is locked when no staff members are present.

On March 12 the RSC Faculty Senate placed a full page ad opposing statements of prejudice.

This is your opportunity to read what an obsessed few tried to eradicate last semester for reasons found only in the dark recesses of minds of the demented few willing to stop at nothing to prevent open discourse we encourage.

El Don believes the students at RSC deserve to read about this topic and decide for themselves, again, as we had intended the first time around.

If you find copies of this issue also mysteriously missing from the stalls, come up to the el Don newsroom at C-201, above the Art Gallery. We made sure to print extra copies; they're being held in a safe place.

## Student newspaper draws criticism

By Sharynn Bass  
el Don Staff Writer

Staff members of the Saddleback College student newspaper are still dealing with charges of anti-semitism that arose after publication last December of a commentary expressing concerns over Israel's acquisition of nuclear weapons.

The piece referred to Israel's government as "fanatical" and closed by saying that "if they (the Jews) are indeed God's chosen people it would seem that God might have made a better choice."

The school paper, the Lariat, also published an accompanying cartoon depicting a Hanukkah menorah, its traditional candles replaced with nuclear warheads that resemble a line of Christmas carolers singing "We wish you a Happy

Holocaust."

Following publication, accusations of anti-semitism were hurled at the paper's editorial staff by members of the campus and local community. The schools president, Constance M. Carroll, received a multitude of complaints prompting her to ask the Lariat to publish a retraction and an apology.

Lee McCormack, the paper's opinion editor, said that a published statement "to the effect that we regretted the fact that people were offended" failed to satisfy the paper's outraged critics. The Lariat responded to the continued public outcry by issuing a letter of apology that was faxed directly to the president's office and given wide circulation both on and off campus. That letter said that Michael Boren, the Lariat's art editor and author

of the cartoon and commentary, "did not intend to offend any members of the community...with references to the Holocaust...or the use of the menorah."

"It was basically what we had been saying all along," said Carol Ziehm, faculty advisor to the Lariat, who said she felt Boren's commentary had been misinterpreted by its detractors. "The statement we issued was an amplification of the editor's note we published in the December 14 issue expressing regret for any anguish caused."

Ziehm faulted the media for "looking for conflict" and said it failed to present the paper's side of the story accurately.

"Most of the feedback has been on the supportive side," she said. "There's always some negative feedback, but most had been positive."

Despite attempts to smooth things over,

the controversy continues. Two pages of letters—instead of the usual half page—will fatten up the February issue of the Lariat. "People have a right to their opinions and we have to give them a chance to voice them," said McCormack. "We've got 40 letters." McCormack said that piece was not meant to be anti-semitic. "None of us expected the reaction we got," he said. McCormack defended Boren's right to express his opinion, although he made it clear that the piece did not represent the view of the paper's editorial staff. "It was a commentary, not an editorial," he said. "A lot of reporters got that wrong, and they should know better."

According to McCormack, the paper is "going back to business as usual" and will not change its editorial policy. Yet he admits that editors will "be more careful about the symbols we use."

Despite all the negative reactions his paper has received, McCormack stated that going through this experience has been positive. "This is what college is all about," he said. "We all learned a lot. Even the faculty learned a lot."

"Our spirits are good and we're ready to go on," said Ziehm.

### el Don staff editorial

Saddleback College has come under fire recently after a commentary published in the Lariat, the student newspaper, succeeded in outraging Jews community-wide.

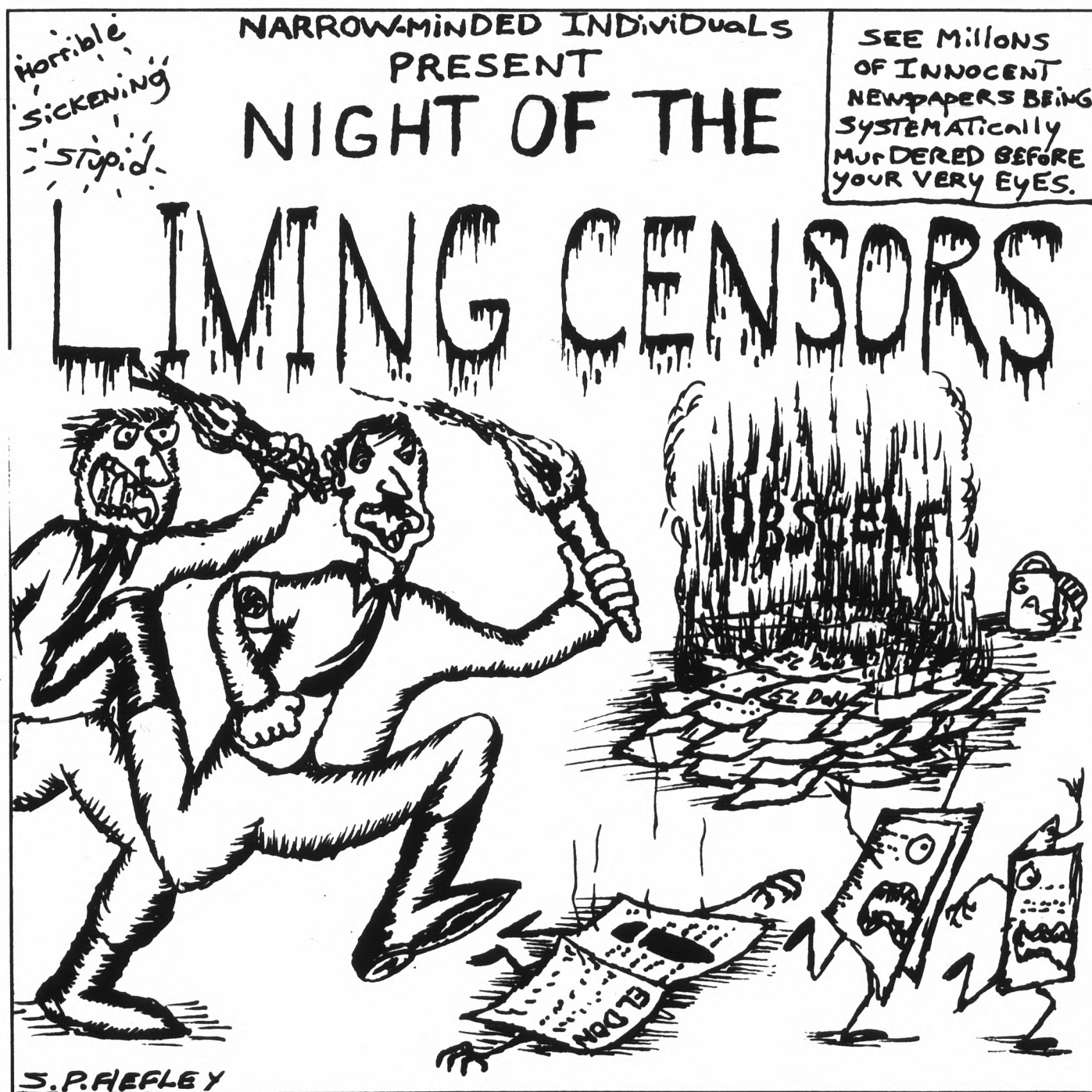
The opinion article, written by Michael S. Boren, also led to a demand for a retraction and an apology by the college's president.

Stating that 'God might have made a better choice' in choosing Jews as God's chosen people is admittedly below the belt. The accompanying cartoon showing missiles atop a Hanukkah menorah singing 'We wish you a Happy Holocaust' might also raise a few eyebrows.

Boren wrote about a God who teaches compassion, forgiveness, and love, which leads one to believe that this article was written carelessly, since Jews do not believe in a New Testament God who preaches these sentiments.

But since this is an opinion piece, Boren has the right to state his views without fear of censorship. If his voice was stifled, his freedoms of speech would have been violated.

The el Don supports Boren and the Lariat in its present conflict with the school authorities and the local community.





# Charges of anti-Semitism stir ethical, moral dilemma

**PRO:**  
**GREGORY CREEL**

I am in full support of Michael S. Boren's controversial opinion piece. Being in support does not mean I agree with what he has to say, and truthfully I don't; but he exercised his right of free speech.

A few words of defense for Boren: he is a student journalist who, like every other student is inclined to make mistakes. With every article written under the pressure of meeting deadlines, a new lesson is learned. That's the beauty of the college free press concept. I use the word "concept" because the college press has, in its subtle restrictions, not yet been granted full freedom.

Boren made a dangerous mistake in mixing religion with politics; in that, his words offended some people. That's just a part of life, we get offended at times and should by now have learned how to deal

with words we don't like. If we only heard our own opinion society would turn stone-dull in no time. If he has a beef with Judaism, he should address his opinion in a religion story.

Boren is right, however, in feeling uneasy about a warring nation obtaining nuclear bombs;

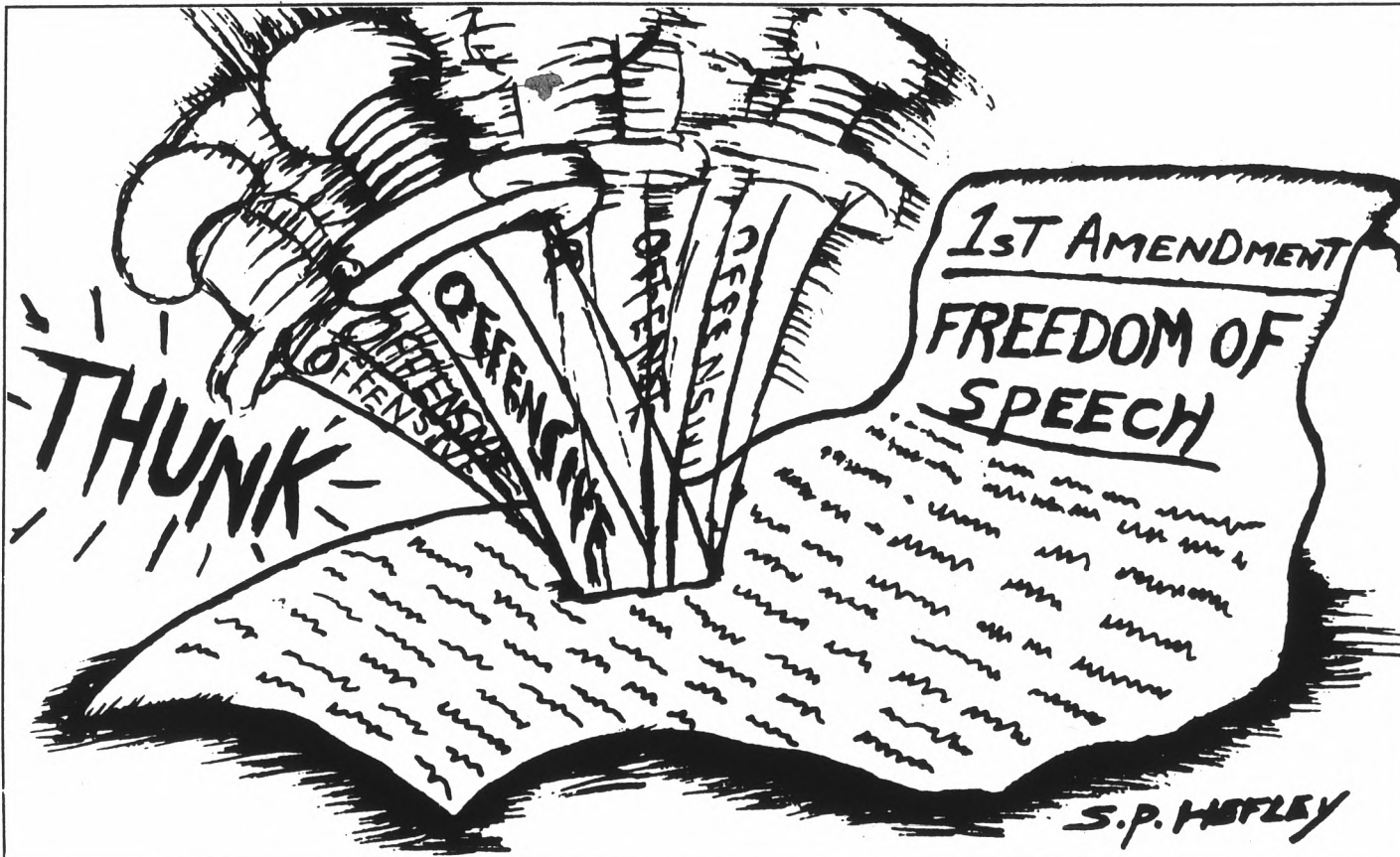
now that's what we need, more bombs, more tools of death. But his inference about God erring in choosing the Jews as his chosen people was not the topic of his story. The tone of the story was a political opinion with an emphasis on human rights. It was not a religious opinion.

That leads to another point. The story was in the opinion section

and it was Boren's opinion. He has the right to voice it in this country with no reservations. This is America, freedom was supposedly legalized here over 200 years ago, but with censorship sticking it's ugly nose in the free press freedom is only a fantasy. (Yes, demanding retractions and apologies is subliminal censorship. A target of these demands may be more likely not to fully express his honest opinion in the future.)

How long will it be until the Lariat dares to print another story criticizing Israel in any way?

When opinions are suppressed, freedom is denied and we are no longer free people; that's



**CON:**  
**TIMOTHY SELVIDGE**

media, and threats to take even a portion of it away is like asking the president of the NRA to relinquish his loaded weapon. This policy may keep us free from the evils of our own government for a long time, but it doesn't apply in the Lariat's case.

The writer and advisor both have admitted that the article is being misunderstood. In an interview with the Orange County Register, Boren said, "I think people are taking it in the wrong way. Maybe I did not express myself well enough."

If this is actually the case, then why not retract the article? If Israel's policies, not its people, were what was meant to be criticized, then this commentary would garner better understanding.

Since some think the article has racist overtones, then what place does it have on a college campus?

If I attempted to take this space in the next edition of this newspaper to print a commentary, saying that our founding fathers should have taken Asians as slaves rather than blacks, because (I say) studies now show Asians to be less barbaric than blacks, I don't think these

ideas would get past the editorial board. Neither would an article stating that we should have kept the Japanese-Americans in the World War II concentration camps, then we wouldn't have to worry about foreign investment.

God, I hope these articles wouldn't make it past the editorial board. I don't believe

they would. We seek to give a balance of valid ideas on topics relevant to our students; not the opinion of one man regarding people living half-way around the world. Especially, when the writer uses titles that directly relates to students on our campus that have nothing to do with Israel's policies.

Is there any real difference between ideas like the commentaries I have proposed and Boren's mistaken ideas about the people of Israel? I don't see any. Racism is racism, no matter how it's worded. Free press or not, ideas such as these do not belong on a college campus.

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Granted, we haven't yet come close to stooping down to that mentality but we have to keep our guards against anyone who tries to gag the press. This may seem overly dramatic, but I get very defensive when the written word is threatened.

Boren was labeled anti-Semitic for writing the story, he says his girlfriend is Jewish. I don't think she would tolerate his anti-Jewish leanings.

I hope I am not labeled anti-Semitic in defending Boren, but this quote inspired me while writing this, I don't know who said it but I love it: "I may not agree with what you have to say, but I'd fight, if I had to, for your right to do so."

My Jewish friends know me well enough to know I'm a patriot, and like Boren, not anti-Semitic.

Saddleback college recently was overwhelmed by a cloud of controversy when the Lariat student newspaper published an article accompanied by a cartoon which is perceived by many to contain anti-semitic sentiments.

Although the writer, Michael S. Boren, the newspaper's art editor, denies the article is racist, the words and images portrayed on the newspaper's opinion page paints a different picture.

Using the theme of Israel owning nuclear weapons, the article moves off its topic to bash Jews for their beliefs and behaviors. The lasting tastes left in the readers' mouths is not, "Oh, no Israel has nukes," but instead "How did Hitler happen?" In the words of Boren: "How can there be such a thing as innocence in a world where people's race or religious preference makes them automatically guilty..."

It can not be fairly argued that this newspaper had no right to print such a racist article. After all, freedom of the press is one of the things that makes this country great. The free and open exchange of ideas help to found this nation.

Blame for this article should be placed on the Lariat, its editorial board, and its advisor. It is very understandable that they stand behind the article, using the stereotypical "free press stance. This is a knee jerk reaction for people in the

**"Racism is racism, no matter how it's worded, ideas such as these do not belong on a college campus"**

## What some American minds had to say about freedom of speech...

*"I believe there are more instances of the abridgment of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations."*

-James Madison

*"If printers were determined not to print anything till they were sure it would offend nobody, there would be very little printed."*

-Benjamin Franklin

*"Shall a layman, simple as ourselves, set up his reason as the rule of what we are to read, and what we must believe?"*

-Thomas Jefferson

*"If there is any principle of the Constitution that more imperatively calls for attachment than any other it is the principle of free thought-not free for those who agree with us, but freedom for the thought we hate."*

-Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.

## Commentary

By Gregory Creel  
el Don Editor in chief

*"Come now and let us reason together; Let us hear all sides; Let us divest ourselves of prejudice and the effects of early education; Let us prove all things and hold fast to that which is good."*

-D.B. Bennett, 1873

It shocked me to find out about the mess the Feb. 2, 1990 issue of the el Don caused. There have been college papers seized or gagged, I'm sure, in this nation of "freedom of expression," but this is free thinking California.

Even though we're stuck in the Orange County tar pit of conservatism we are Californians. Our state is the home of some of the most progressive laws protecting the journalist and home of tolerant, free-thinkers willing to discuss all sides of an issue.

As many as 5000 issues were stolen off the racks and from the

el Don news room by a fanatic pack devoted to brown shirt revivalism. These nuts can't be pointed out publicly because I don't have sufficient evidence to incriminate them but, I know who they are and am well aware of their thirst for power on this campus. For the sake of convenience I'll refer to them as the S.C., short for Star Chamber.

I can say this much. The S.C. committed a Federal offense by stealing that issue. Each week this college pays thousands of dollars to support the college free press. The closed minded zealots could not tolerate a free thinker's open forum discussing both sides of an issue. The S.C. spit on the U.S. Constitution.

It's obvious these "concerned" guardians of clean thought don't think college students are mature enough to hear both sides of a controversial story and decide for themselves what is best. They appointed themselves moral watchdogs, deemed the words unfit for a college campus and removed the issues.

This will turn into a bad habit if this group keeps practicing this

dangerous game of censorship. They will keep "editing" the student newspapers until all is to their standards and declared "fit" for the all too easily influenced student body of RSC. The problem arising will be who will judge what is or is not fit for a college campus and who would decide where the line would be drawn between fit and unfit?

Fight censorship. Be it subtle or outright, burn it and all who advocate it. When censorship is condoned by society in any form the expurgation will grow unnoticed until the cancerous plague coerces opinions to a numbing state of apathy. Protect your rights. If you're spat in the face by censors, slam back twice as much, take their game to them and don't ever take into consideration with whom you are dealing. Censors deal in intimidation they are pathetic, insecure individuals; insecure with themselves and their values. Stare down a censor and they will back off. The First Amendment is behind you.



# Sports

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## Dons crash party, smash Pirates 43-15

■ Crayton scores four TD's en route to becoming the seventh rusher in OC history to run for 2000 career yards.

By Gregory Creel  
el Don Editor in chief

RSC extended their record to 4-2 after spoiling Orange Coast College's Homecoming party with a 43-15 drubbing Saturday night at OCC's Le Bard Stadium.

Running Back Estrus Crayton eclipsed the 2,000 yard career rushing mark after gaining 121 yards on 20 carries. Crayton is only the seventh community college rusher in Orange County history to do so.

The defense forced seven fumbles and snagged three interceptions. "The defense has been playing well lately," said coach Dave Ogas. "They got battered around against El Camino, but still held them to under 400 yards, which is not easy to do. They've turned it around."

Ogas saw the good news coming early on. "We've been practicing great lately," he said. "And when you do that, it's a good sign that usually nets in good results on the field."

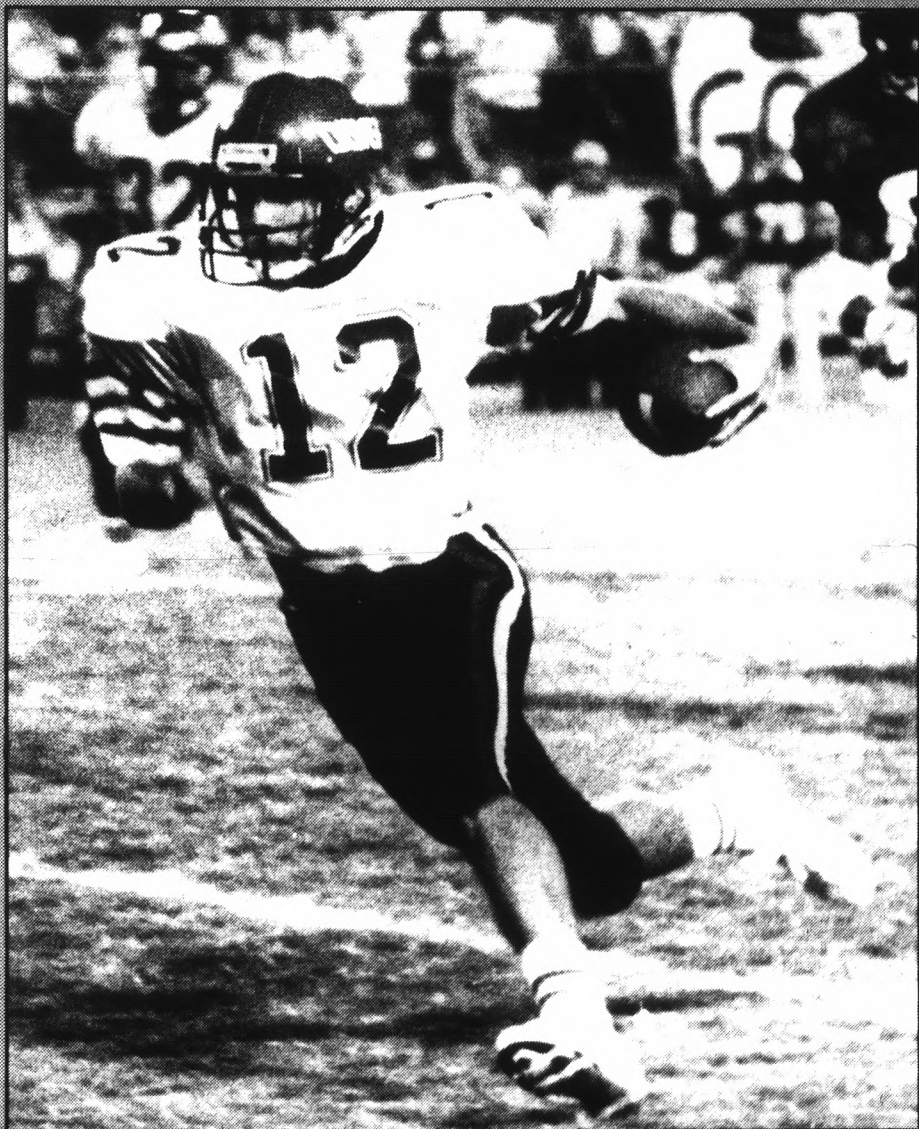
In addition to his 121 rushing yards, Crayton scored four more touchdowns bringing his season total up to 17, needing four more to break his own record of 20 set last season. Ogas said of Crayton and his records "Estrus doesn't care about records, he just works hard and isn't a hot dog. He deserves everything he gets."

Ogas was a happy man with the game's results with the return of the stubborn defense, a continuing offensive surge and one more sweet and often overlooked stat: "No injuries," Ogas boasted with a smile.



Dan Tratensek/el Don Photo

RUNNING AWAY WITH IT- Don tailback, Estrus Crayton rushed for 121 yards on 20 carries, scoring four touchdowns in RSC's 43-15 trouncing of Orange Coast College last Saturday at Le Bard Stadium.



Gregory Creel/el Don Photo

FLEET FOOTED FANTI- Rich Fanti will be starting as RSC's QB in Saturday's homecoming game against Riverside.

### Preview

## RSC looking for revenge at 75th homecoming

■ Dons are looking to turn the tables on Riverside Tigers and avenge last year's 34-24 loss.

By Gregory Creel  
el Don Editor in chief

There will be a lot at stake for both RSC and Riverside at Rancho's 75th anniversary homecoming game tomorrow night at Santa Ana Stadium, with vengeance being a big factor for both sides.

RSC lost their only game last season 34-24 to Riverside at the Tiger's own homecoming game in Riverside.

However, the tables are turned this year with RSC celebrating their own homecoming game with the Tigers playing the part of guest.

Riverside is steaming after suffering their second defeat last Saturday, on the road, to surprise upstarts Golden West 22-13. In ad-

dition to losing the game, Riverside has lost the services of Linebacker Sam Manu for the rest of the season after Manu punched referee Nick Van Lue during the game.

The punch, square in the jaw, knocked Van Lue unconscious for five minutes. Manu is considered by most coaches around the OEC as Riverside's best defensive player.

The loss of Manu is a concern of Don's Head Coach Dave Ogas. "First of all, Riverside is a tough team and losing a game and their best player might be their rallying point," Ogas pointed out. "They'll want to re-establish their credibility, maybe win one for Manu. Plus it's our homecoming and visiting teams get a little more fired up, much like we did last week (against Orange Coast)."

According to Ogas, the Dons must play at their peak to avenge their sole loss last year and there cannot be a better setting with a 75th anniversary homecoming game in front of RSC alumni. Ogas is confident about the Dons' chances. "We've been having good practices in this hot Santa Ana wind's weather, everybody's up," said Ogas. "We are going to have to do our work top notch and execute with extra efforts. If we do that, we should do well."



## Two of RSC's top soccer players suspended for playing in weekend league

**■ Jose Vasquez, Eddie Buenrostro may be facing five game suspension pending investigation outcome**

By Debi Carr  
el Don Staff Writer

Since last week, two RSC star soccer players have been suspended from the team for allegedly playing concurrently on a Sunday League, which is prohibited by the California Community College Athletic Association.

Jose Vasquez, forward, was suspended Tuesday following the suspension last week of Eddie Buenrostro, midfielder. RSC Play-

ers and coaches fear that the suspensions will push the championship nearly out of reach for the Dons.

According to an unnamed source, as soon as the Orange Coast College Athletic Director, Barry Wallace, heard of possible infractions, he came to the RSC coach, J.P. Frutos, demanding severe penalties.

The source said that Wallace wanted the two players suspended for up to five league games; there was no legitimate proof that Vasquez was playing in an outside league.

Roger Wilson, RSC's dean of Athletics, went along with the suspension; but soccer players feel abandoned. With no support from the athletics department, players feel let down, the source said.

An investigation will be held Monday by the Orange Empire Conference, to possibly make a decision, at least in one case, Wilson said.

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Womens Volleyball- Cypress at RSC, 7 p.m.\*  
Water Polo- San Diego Mesa at RSC, 3:30 p.m.\*

### SATURDAY, OCT. 26:

Football- Riverside at RSC, 7 p.m.\*#

### TUESDAY, OCT. 30:

Cross Country- OEC Finals, all day.  
Water Polo- RSC at Palomar, 3:30 p.m.\*

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31:

Womens Volleyball- RSC at Riverside, 7 p.m.\*  
Wrestling- Golden West\* and Cal Tech at RSC, 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, NOV. 2:

Soccer- RSC at Orange Coast, 3 p.m.\*  
Water Polo- RSC at Saddleback, 3:30 p.m.\*

### SATURDAY, NOV. 3:

Football- Golden West at RSC, 1:30 p.m.\*  
Wrestling- Lassen Tournament, all day.

### TUESDAY, NOV. 6:

Soccer- Cypress at RSC, 3 p.m.\*

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7:

Womens Volleyball- Saddleback at RSC, 7 p.m.\*  
Wrestling- Palomar at RSC, 7:30 p.m.\*

### THURSDAY, NOV. 8:

Soccer- Irvine Valley at RSC, 3 p.m.\*

### FRIDAY, NOV. 9:

Cross Country- Southern California Regionals, 2 p.m.  
Womens Volleyball- RSC at Golden West, 7 p.m.\*  
Womens Basketball- RSC at Oxnard, 6 p.m.

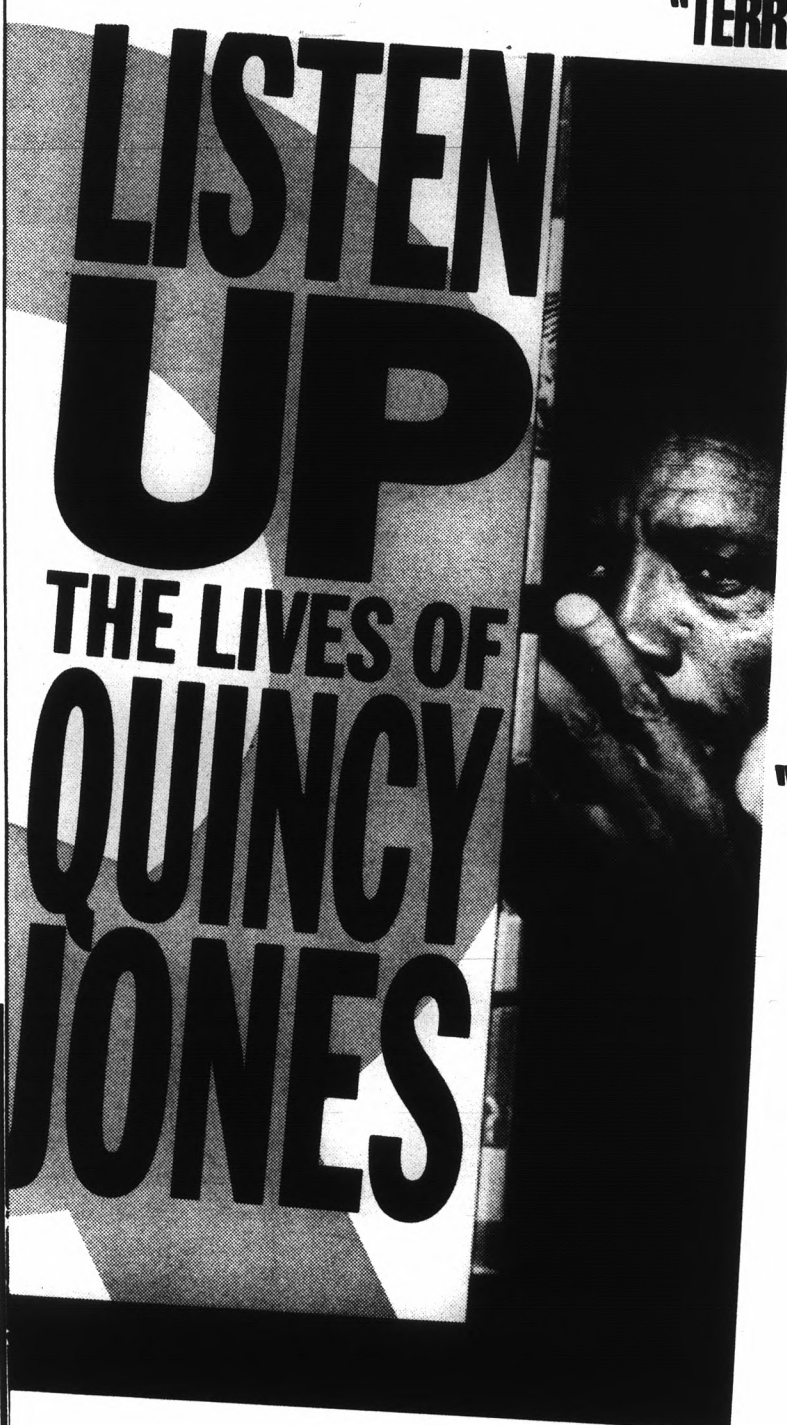
### SATURDAY, NOV. 10:

Football- RSC at Fullerton, 7 p.m.\*  
Wrestling- Cal Poly Tournament, all day.  
Mens Basketball- RSC at College of the Canyons, 7 p.m.

### MONDAY, NOV. 12:

Womens Basketball- RSC at San Bernardino Valley, 5 p.m.

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